


MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: February 7, 2007

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(e): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easements (APNs 5572-021-016 and 017) at 7280, 7288 Mulholland Drive, Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easements (APNs 5572-021-016 and 017) at 7280 and 7288 Mulholland Drive, Los Angeles.

Background: At the February 16, 2007, Mulholland Scenic Parkway Design Review Board Public Hearing, cases DIR 2005-9025-DRB-SPP and DIR 2005-9020-DRB-SPP (7288 and 7280 Mulholland Drive, respectively), were addressed. The initial proposed projects planned for construction of two new single family dwellings. Particularly, 7280 Mulholland Drive is within 200 feet of public parkland owned by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA).

On March 14, 2006, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy) wrote a letter to the Mulholland Design Review Board (MDRB) recommending, after discussion with the applicant, that the approval of both projects would be conditioned on providing a conservation easement to the MRCA on each property.

The two conservation easements are being offered to Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority as conditioned by the MDRB (see attachments). The location of these conservation easements would contribute to the wildlife movement between Runyon Canyon Park and a Department of Water and Power power-line easement leading back towards Cahuenga Pass. In addition the easements would preserve the viewshed along Mulholland Drive.